

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 50

6 December 1949

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Lydman	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
* Maj. Cowart	Army
Dr. Debevoise	Army
* Mr. Minogue	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
* Lt. Col. Brewer	Air Force
Maj. Belongia	Air Force
	CIA
	CIA (Chairman)

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* Working level specialists.

2. The Chairman announced that the DCI has forwarded to the JIC a memorandum setting forth current capabilities of the IAC Agencies to produce NIS and requesting an indication of changes, if any, in Joint Staff desires relative to priority and rate of production of NIS. He stated that, while urgency of action is indicated in the memorandum, he could not reasonably predict when a reply would be received; and that, until receipt of a reply and subsequent revision of the FY 1950 Production Schedule, production would have to proceed in accordance with that schedule, as nearly as feasible.

3. The Chairman commented on production for November as follows:

a. The flow of production of Army, Navy, and Air Force through the five phases of production was, by and large, up to standard.

b. The flow of production of State appeared to be checked to too great an extent in the first phase. This may have been due substantially to too great a dispersal of effort; i.e., to undertaking too many new tasks before adequate progress had been achieved with regard to those already in hand. As of 30 November 1949, State had 311 sections in production, of which 154 sections were in Phase 1 and only 14 in Phase 5. Moreover, State produced only 3 sections during the month of November.

c. While not all contributions returned to contributors had been so returned because of qualitative defects, the

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percentage returned for qualitative defects was high.

4. Drafts of a proposal regarding field collection and maintenance for certain portions of NIS 45 (Japan) were distributed to the members for consideration. The proposal will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Drafts for the revisions of Chapters IV (Sociological) and V (Political) were received from the State member, who reported that preparation of the draft for the revision of Chapter VI (Economic) is in progress. The Army member reported that drafts of revisions of Sections 80 (Introduction to Chapter VIII - Armed Forces) and 83 (Air Forces) are now ready but that those of Sections 81 (Ground Forces) and 82 (Naval Forces) are not.

6. The term "Towns", as used in Chapter II (Military Geography), Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal), and Supplement IV (Towns), was changed to "Urban Areas".

7. Members were asked to examine the need for Supplements IV (Towns - "Urban Areas"). None of these Supplements has been published to date. Should there be, in fact, no need for Supplement IV it should be dropped from the program.

8. The draft revision of Standard Instructions for Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal) was examined and tentatively approved. The draft for Chapter II (Military Geography) was examined and returned to the subcommittee for further revision. This revision should be returned to the NIS Committee in about ten (10) days. Scheduled for examination at the next meeting are Chapters III (Transportation and Telecommunications), IV (Sociological), and V (Political).

9. A procedure for acting on draft revisions of Standard Instructions was established:

a. IAC members to cause drafts to be carefully examined to determine whether or not they meet IAC Agency requirements and report thereon in writing to the CIA member.

b. CIA member to examine drafts critically to determine their conformity with NIS concepts, adequacy to meet general requirements, and soundness from the editorial point of view.

c. CIA member to present to the NIS Committee comments arrived at as a result of above-cited examinations. Chairmen, or representatives thereof, of interested subcommittees to attend pertinent NIS Committee meetings so as to hear these comments and discussions thereon.


d. Should it be decided to return drafts to subcommittees for further revision, the CIA member to make available to the chairmen of these subcommittees the detailed comments on the

drafts. Such drafts to be reworked to bring them into conformity with NIS Committee decisions and resubmitted to the NIS Committee at the earliest practicable date.

10. The Chairman stated that contributions had been received in D/NIS which bore control statements not in conformity with those previously agreed upon by the Committee. See NIS MEMO NO. 7, 31 August 1949, and Paragraph 4, minutes of NIS Committee Meeting No. 44, 18 October 1949. In view of the considerable editorial burden created by such non-conformity, he requested members to take steps to ensure that control statements conform with the standard in future.

11. The next NIS Committee Meeting was scheduled for 1000 hours, Tuesday, 13 December 1949, at CIA.

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